

**An Introduction to
Paul's Letter to the Romans**

Romans 1:8-10 (ESV)

- ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.
- ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow, by God's will, I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Romans 1:11-14 (ESV)

- **11** For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—
- **12** that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
- **13** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.
- **14** I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Romans 1:15 (ESV)

- ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

A. A Well-Known Book

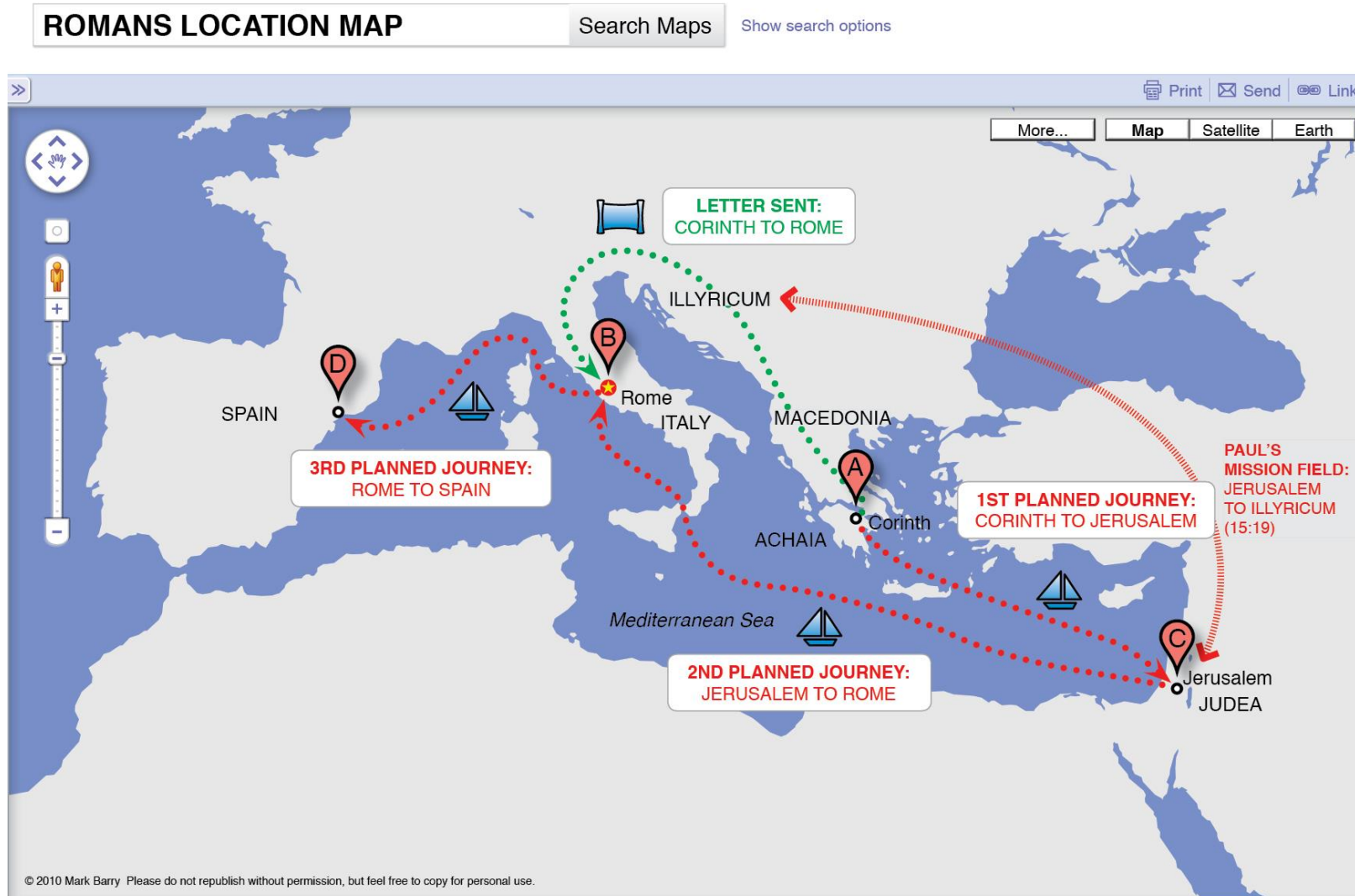
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A. A Well-Known Book

1. The author, location, date, and purpose

- Author:** the apostle Paul
- Where written:** Corinth
- Written for:** the Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians in Rome
- Date:** 57 A.D. (Paul's three missionary trips 47-57 A.D.)
- Purpose:** to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ:
¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.
(Romans 1:15)

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- **2. The Romans Road: the way of salvation**

“The Romans Road” for Salvation

1. The Human Problem (Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23): God created human beings to be in a relationship with Him; however, our sinfulness (we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God) separates us from God, who is holy.

2. Humanity’s Hope in Christ (Romans 5:8): God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, died for us on the cross while we were still sinners, thus paying the price for our sins and enabling us to be reconciled to God

3. The Sinner’s Response (Romans 10:9-10, 10:13): Call out to Jesus, inviting Him into your heart by accepting Him as Lord and Savior of your life

4. The Result of Salvation (Romans 5:1-2, 8:1): Through faith in Jesus Christ, sinners can enjoy peace with God, no longer being separated from God by sin.

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3. The well-known verses: Romans 1:16-17

- **Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)**

- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,^[a] as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**^[b]

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- a. Romans 1:17 Or *beginning and ending in faith*

- b. Romans 1:17 Or *The one who by faith is righteous shall live*

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3. The well-known verses: Romans 1:16-17

Its origin in the Old Testament:

- **Habakkuk 2:4 (ESV)**

⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.^[a]

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a. [Habakkuk 2:4](#) Or *faithfulness*

B. A Daunting Book

1. Its location and size in the Bible
2. Its influence in the history of Christianity:
 - a. Augustine
 - b. Martin Luther
 - c. John Wesley
3. Its number of commentaries

C. A Rewarding Book

1. Its theological "heft"
2. N.T. Wright workshop on Romans 8
3. Dave Seemuth course for TEDS
4. *An expanded version of Paul's Letter to the Galatians (57 A.D.)
(Salvation by grace, not by works of the law)*

D. A Well-Structured Book

1. Prologue (1:1-15)
2. Doctrine (1:16-11:36): The Gospel According to Paul
3. Application (12:1-15:13): The Christian Way of Life
4. Epilogue (15:14-16:27)

II. The Bible Project: Romans (Part 1)

- **Chapters 1-4** (7:47 minutes)
- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans-1-4/>